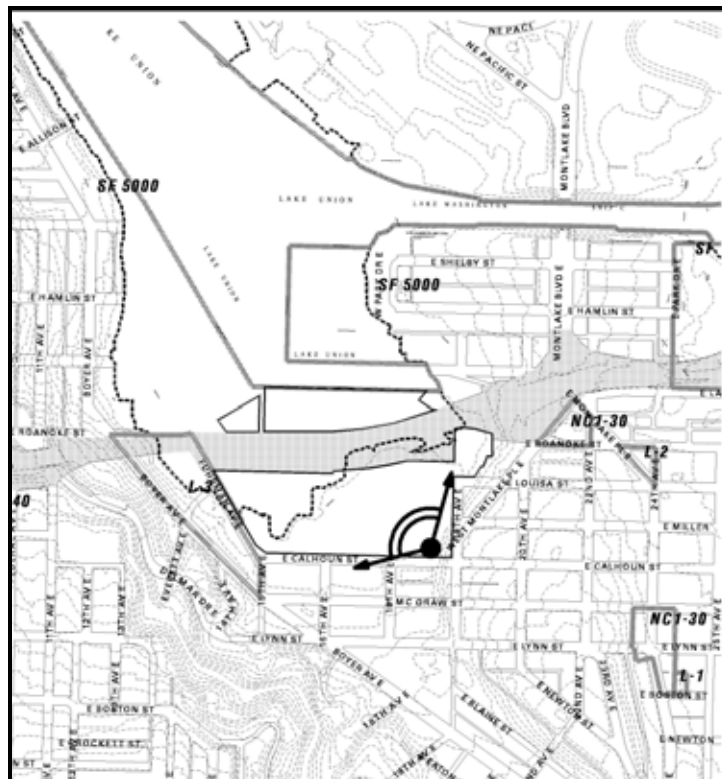


Montlake Playfield Viewpoints

16th E. and E. Calhoun



LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY

The viewpoint is adjacent to the playfield and offers framed views of the Lake Washington Ship Canal and Portage Bay at the water's edge. Currently, only 10% of the intended views are visible due to the dense growth of native trees along the shoreline. Park land borders the viewpoint in all directions.

SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

Clusters of native trees, Big Leaf Maples, Alders, Willows and Poplars crowd the shoreline. Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry dominate the understory. The flat site allows for easy access and staging areas for tree removal.

MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS

Category 2 – Tree Pruning and Invasive Weed Removal

Procedures:

1. Thin dense stands of trees to allow multiple viewpoint locations using ANSI 300 standards. Remove dead, diseased and dying trees and those with poor structural form.
2. Mechanically and/or chemically remove invasive weeds
3. Mulch shoreline areas where trees and invasive weeds have been removed to protect shore edge.

B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

Three year cycle maintenance frequency will require:

- physical and chemical removal of weeds
- removal of native tree saplings along shoreline
- Protect shorelines viewpoints with mulch
- Prune adjacent vegetation to prohibit view obstruction
- Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees

View management locations:

Zone 3 – Shoreline clearance of invasive trees and weeds – easy access

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Priority 1

Restoring intended views is rated 'high priority' due to the degree of obstruction. The extent of park use and the importance of the community center to the region has also been considered.

Phasing

Phase 1 - Remove trees and prune

Phase 2 - Eradicate invasive weeds

Cover shoreline slopes with woodchip mulch

Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)

UF staff:

-prune and remove trees

Contractor, UF, and/or volunteers:

-physical removal of weeds

Contractor, UF and/or volunteers:

-apply woodchip mulch

Park Maintenance staff:

-remove small trees,
control adjacent vegetation

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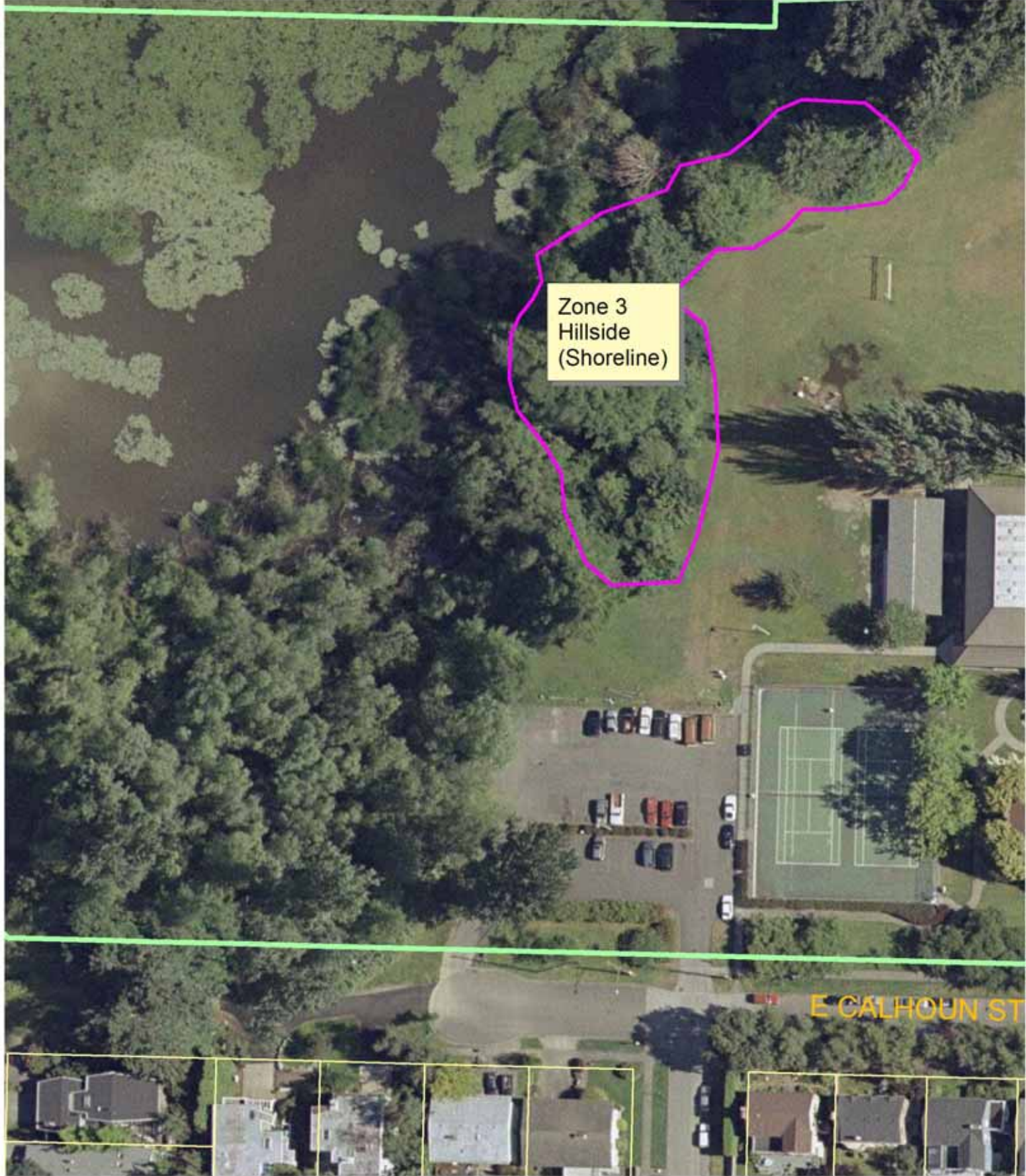


Dense tree canopy and
invasive understory
vegetation

Shoreline views west to
Portage Bay and Hwy 520
bridge



Native shoreline trees
covered with ivy



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LEGEND

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape
- Zone 2 - Transition
- Zone 3 - Hillside
- Park Boundary
- Parcel Boundary



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